

RIDGELY'S RECORD

A Newsletter for the Residents and Businesses of Ridgely's Delight, an Historic Community

March 2017

The Ridgely's Delight Association Community & Board Meetings

The March community meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1 March 2017, at 7 p.m., upstairs at Sliders. If you live, own property, or a business in Ridgely's Delight, you are welcome to attend.

The guest speaker this month will be Derrick Greene from the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. Did you know that there is a specific State's Attorney assigned to our police district (Southern) who can keep the community apprised of special cases? When a crime occurs in Ridgely's, can a community impact statement make a difference? Why is it so hard to keep the same juveniles from continuing to commit crimes? Find out the answers to these questions, and learn about what laws are slated for this legislative session, by attending the meeting.

The RDA board meeting will immediately follow the community meeting.

Tenant Landlord Matters

Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. & HUD are providing a free seminar on the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants. Learn your rights with regard to security deposits, repairs, breaking a lease, evictions, and more. This seminar is recommended for renters, landlords and property managers as the team will discuss protections and resources available to both tenants and landlords. The seminar will be held on Friday, 7 April 2017, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Enoch-Pratt Southeast Anchor Branch Library, 3601 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Odd Side: every 3rd Wednesday
(March 15th)

Even Side: every 4th Wednesday
(March 22nd)

March First Friday Happy Hour

The Ridgely's Delight First Friday Happy Hour will be held at Quigley's Half Irish Pub on Friday, 3 March 2017 starting at 7 p.m. Then stay and join your neighbors for a special edition of Quigley's Trivia Night starting at 8 p.m. Test your knowledge of little known Baltimore facts at the home of the "Best Trivia in Ridgely's Delight"!

Learn about the New DPW Water Billing System

The Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) is holding classes at city libraries to teach residents how to use the new water billing system portal. The instructors will also discuss the most common causes for higher than normal water bills, and more importantly, how to address them. The closest training session to Ridgely's Delight will be held at the Pratt Library, Cherry Hill Branch, 606 Cherry Hill Rd, on Saturday, 11 March 2017, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. For information on additional locations, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Larry Nunley, DPW Community Liaison, at 410-396-8966 or email Larry.Nunley@baltimorecity.gov. You must have an appointment to attend the training.

Ridgely's Gamers

Join a fun group of neighbors for a night filled with games, friends, and wine! This month the group will play Spades starting at 8 p.m., on Thursday, 23 March 2017. Come at 7:30 p.m. if you want instruction.

Neighborhood Mom Happy Hours

Join fellow SOWEBO moms for another Neighborhood Mom Happy Hour, organized by the Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance. This month the group will meet on Thursday, 30 March 2017, starting at 6 p.m. at Zella's, 1145 Hollins Street, Baltimore.

Pick-up Day Reminder

Trash pick-up: Wednesdays
Recycling pick-up: Fridays

Delightful Gems

This article continues our new series that focuses on past and present businesses in our community. This month, in honor of Saint Patrick's Day, we are meeting with James Quigley, Owner of Quigley's Half Irish Pub.

Quigley's Half Irish Pub has been serving Irish and American fare in Ridgely's Delight for 10 years. What drew you to Ridgely's Delight?

Well, I have always wanted to run a bar. I knew, with a lot of work, this bar could be the right one. I literally rebuilt this bar from scratch, using old marble, bricks, stained glass, and wooden windows. It took me a little bit longer than I had planned, but it needed to be historically accurate and I wanted to make the inside of the bar a place that people will remember and want to come back to. I opened in March 2007 and have been serving Ridgely's Delight ever since.

You are our neighborhood's Irish pub. What special plans have you made for Saint Patrick's Day?

Of course, we are going to start the day with bag pipes! Our bag pipe player should be here around 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. I'm going to serve Penny Pints until 8 a.m., along with a nice Irish breakfast until about 11 a.m. I will close Emory Street, from Melvin Street up to Portland Street, at noon. I have a live band from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and more drink specials like an Irish Crush, which is made with Irish whiskey instead of Vodka.

That sounds like fun. Do you have similar plans for Opening Day?

For Opening Day, I'm going to focus more on families. Baseball is for families. I am going to host a block party on Portland Street between Emory Street and Greene Street. I am going to have my big grill out and cook hamburgers, sausages, hot dogs, pit beef and pit turkey. We will have Maryland Craft Beers, fun activities for the kids and live music from noon until 3 p.m. Everyone will be going off to the game once the band ends. This is a day to spend with the Orioles and with family.

Quigley excused himself and went to help guests at the bar, so I asked the next question to one of Quigley's regular patrons.

The trivia nights on Wednesday evenings have become hugely popular within the neighborhood! What happens on trivia night that has everyone talking?

Bobby (Van Allen) runs a great trivia night! We meet our friends here every Wednesday. We have a friend that is good with sports, one loves history. We are not very good with pop culture as a team. But Bobby announces the topics on the website. So sometimes we study a little bit before we show up, if it's a topic we don't know well. The night starts with a music round while Bobby takes everyone's drink and food orders. Quigley usually has a food special, but I stick with the burgers. Quigley's burgers are really good. You can have a nice dinner, learn something, and not worry about having to drive home. It's a great evening!

Quigley returned to our conversation and promised a special neighborhood trivia night for our March Happy Hour. To learn more about Quigley's regular Wednesday night trivia visit www.facebook.com/Quigley'sTrivia/ or stop by at Quigley's Half Irish Pub, 633 Portland Street.

Baltimore's 62nd Saint Patrick's Day Parade

Baltimore will host its 62nd Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, 12 March 2017, rain or shine. The parade will kick off at 2 p.m. from the Washington Monument, proceed South on Charles Street and then East on Pratt Street to Market Place.

The parade will be preceded by the Shamrock 5K Race, which begins at 1:15 p.m. and primarily follows the parade route. The parade and 5K race draws tens of thousands of marchers, runners, and spectators to downtown each year.



The University of Maryland, Baltimore Community Engagement Center

The Community Engagement Center has been bringing the University of Maryland and community residents together since April 2016. The center is open Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and conveniently located at 870 West Baltimore Street. The center offers a free legal clinic, where residents can learn about their rights regarding legal matters, and after-school programs for children ages 6-14, providing homework help and creative activities. Would you like to try yoga, line dancing or Zumba? Beginners welcome for free classes. Stop by the center, call 410-706-8260, or email umbengage@gmail.com to learn more.

Irish Railroad Workers Museum

Join a walking tour of an Irish neighborhood, Mount Clare, where Irish immigrants lived, worked, shopped, and worshipped for well over a century. The tour will be held on Saturday, 25 March 2017, beginning at 10:30 a.m., starting at the Irish Railroad Workers Museum at 918 Lemmon Street, and ending at a "good lunch place". The walking tour is free; however, donations would be gladly accepted and used towards maintenance expenses at the Irish Railroad Workers Museum.

Opening Day Street Closures

Opening Day will draw over 50,000 baseball fans to Camden Yards at Orioles Park and to our neighborhood. To ensure pedestrian safety and to support our neighborhood block parties, the following neighborhood streets will be closed beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, 3 April 2017:

- Washington Blvd in front of Pickles and Sliders
- Portland Street between Emory Street and Greene Street
- Emory Street between Dover and Portland Streets

The Residential Parking Permit Program (RPP) will be strictly enforced. Please ensure your vehicle has a valid Area 5 parking permit if you, or your guests, intend to park on a neighborhood street on Opening Day.

City Schools are Facing Funding Cuts

Baltimore City schools are facing a budget deficit of around \$130 million for the upcoming school year, and a possible reduction of staff and teachers by as many as 1,000 employees. Our local network of schools is a vital part of the community for the families that live here in Ridgely's Delight. Further, this school network crosses many district boundaries in the city and serves as a method to help promote the balance of city services and opportunities across the spectrum of resident needs.

The families of Ridgely's Delight would appreciate the support of neighbors in addressing this budget deficit to our elected officials. It is too early to know how this budget shortfall will affect city schools, but families are advocating for adequate school funding because that is a direct path to long-term economic success for the city. *We are all in this together!*

- Allison Pendell -Jones, Ridgely's Delight resident.

If you're interested in calling or writing to Governor Hogan or your District 40 Legislators, please email apendelljones@gmail.com for calling scripts or form letter writing examples.

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Neighborhood Trivia

Each month we post a neighborhood trivia question, with the answer published in the following month's Ridgely's Record. Last month's trivia question: "Where in Baltimore can you find the Vince Lombardi trophy that the Baltimore Colts won in Super Bowl V with their 16-13 win over the Dallas Cowboys?"


The answer: The neighbors who attended the Babe's Birthday Bash learned the answer as soon as they walked thru the door of The Diamond Tavern at the Hilton Baltimore. The Vince Lombardi trophy is displayed at our very own Babe Ruth Birthplace Museum.

This month's trivia question. What is the original name of the first church in Ridgely's Delight?

Hint: The building is now called Ridgely's Commons



Have a City related concern and/or need to contact your councilman?

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- Stay informed:
Add yourself to the Ridgely's email list and keep in touch with what's going on in the neighborhood. Sign up at
<http://tinyurl.com/h72yu7d>.

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